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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**CONVICTED FELON INDICTED FOR  
POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JONATHAN B. DOTSON, 39, Indianapolis, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis, for illegal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, following an investigation by the Indianapolis Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and in support of the PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS initiative.

The indictment alleges that DOTSON possessed a .22 caliber handgun when he was stopped by Indianapolis police officers following an altercation on a city street on February 23, 2003. Federal law prohibits the possession of firearms by convicted felons. The indictment alleges that DOTSON has been convicted of four separate felonies in Indiana courts in Marion

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Lake and Porter counties, dating back to 1986.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Mark Massa, who is prosecuting the case for the government, DOTSON faces a maximum prison sentence of 10 years and a possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled for DOTSON before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis. Following a hearing before U.S. Magistrate Judge Kennard P. Foster on May 12, 2003, DOTSON was ordered detained at the Marion County Jail pending disposition of this case.

**The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.**

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